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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed August 6, 2007, with respect to Claim Rejections under 35 USC §103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of Claims 1-18 have been withdrawn and moot in view of the new groups of rejection. This Office Action is Non-Final and meant to replace the Non-Final Office Action (mailed May 7, 2007).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson (US 6847388) in view of Nakagawa et al. (US 6738092) further in view of Makishima et al. (US 6549307).

Regarding Claim 1, Anderson teaches a digital camera (*Fig. 1*) comprising: a light sensor capture device that samples light from an object to be photographed and converts the sampled light into unprocessed bitmap data (*Col 4 Lines 36-41*); a memory that stores the unprocessed bitmap data in a raw image file (*Col 5 Lines 49-51*); an image processor (*Col 4 Lines 21-22 describes the computer as the device that performs image processing*), wherein said image processor converts the unprocessed bitmap

data into a first compressed image having a first resolution (*Col 8 Lines 9-12 describes a scrennail that is converted from the uncompressed image data and is of a first resolution, specifically a medium resolution*), converts the unprocessed bitmap data into a second compressed image having a second selectable resolution (*Col 7 Lines 61-64 describes a second compressed image comprising full-sized captured image and also describes that the user can choose the resolution in which images are captured*), and embeds the first compressed image and the second compressed along with an uncompressed low resolution version of the image (Fig. 6) but fails to teach the two compressed images stored in the same file as the original unprocessed raw data.

Nakagawa teaches a camera which stores in DRAM the original picture data and also two compressed versions, one is a thumbnail and one is a jpeg file, where results of compression of the original picture data (*Col 5 Lines 15-23*). It is well known to store an original unprocessed image data along with two compressed versions of the original image data. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teaching of Anderson with that of Nakagawa to store the unprocessed image data with two versions of compressed data in order to give the user an immediate version associated with the original image data that is suitable for application such as printing or transferring externally.

Anderson in view of Nakagawa fail to teaches a selector that facilitates selection of the second selectable resolution from one or more selectable resolution values.

Makishima teaches a similar digital camera and method where the user can select different resolutions using a selector. Makishima teaches a display or monitor attached

to the camera where the user can select information such as resolution from a menu showing each option displayed the monitor (*Col 2 Lines 17-25*). Makishima teaches the user can select from different resolution values on the display such as the value of high resolution and the value of standard resolution (*Col 5 Lines 20-26*). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the apparatus taught by Anderson in view of Nakagawa, which allows the user to select a resolution, by allowing the user to use a selector via the camera's monitor to select a resolution among one or more resolution values because this would optimize the collection of user input in a way that is simple for the user.

Regarding Claim 2, Anderson in view of Nakagawa and Makishima teach the digital camera of claim 1, and Makishima further teaches a first display operable to show the one or more resolution values selectable for the second selectable resolution (*Col 2 Line 4 teaches an image displaying means and Lines 22-26 teaches the display shows a menu for a user to select a resolution*); and a second display operable to show at least one of said first compressed image and second compressed image wherein said first display is distinct from said second display (*Col 2 Lines 10-13 teaches the camera may also comprise a function to display or replay the image data having been recorded separately from the image displaying means which displays the resolution selection. Col 5 Lines 17-19 teach that the data that has been recorded is the converted or processed data*). The teaching of Makishima would have been obvious to combine with Anderson in view of Nakagawa for the same rationale as above.

Regarding Claim 3, Anderson in view of Nakagawa further in view of Makishima teach the digital camera of claim 2 and Makishima further teaches said first display is operable to show which of the resolution values for the second selectable resolution is currently selected. Makishima teaches the display is operable to show which of the resolution values for the second selectable resolution is currently selected (*Col 5 Lines 26-28 describes after the resolution is selected the compression rate is then set. However, there is a point when the resolution is set by the user on the display and at this point the display shows which of the resolution values for the second selectable resolution is currently selected*). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the apparatus taught by Anderson which allows the user to select a resolution with the teachings of Makishima to allow the user to visually confirm on the display which of the resolution values was selected because this feature would optimize the user's experience by allowing him to confirm his selection and make changes at that point if necessary.

Regarding Claim 4, Anderson teaches the digital camera of claim 2 wherein said light sensor capture device comprises a charge-coupled device (*Col 4 Lines 36-41*).

Regarding Claim 5, Anderson teaches the digital camera of 2 wherein the first and second compressed images comprise JPEG images (*Col 7 Lines 61-64*).

Regarding Claim 6, Anderson the digital camera of claim 5 wherein the raw image file is in RAW format. (Col 4 Lines 38-41 describes the data from the image sensor is raw image data. Raw image data is inherently in RAW format, which includes a variety of manufacturer's proprietary formats, as there are no single standard raw format).

Regarding Claim 7, Anderson in view of Nakagawa and Makishima teaches the digital camera of claim 2 wherein the first resolution is suitable for generating thumbnail images on said second display. (*Anderson teaches in Col 7 Lines 49-51 two types of thumbnail images. Col 8 Lines 9-17 describes one of these two types of thumbnail images, specifically called a scrennail image, which is the first resolution image*). The second display, which displays the processed images, is addressed with Claim 2.

Regarding Claim 8, Anderson in view of Nakagawa and Makishima teach the digital camera of claim 7 where the user selects the resolution (*Col 9 Lines 9-12*) of a second, selectable resolution image file, but fails to specifically state the exact numerical dimension values of the selectable resolution. Official notice is taken of the fact that it is well known in the digital camera art that the following resolutions: 1440x960, 2304x1536, and 3024x2016, are common resolutions in high- end cameras and widely in use among digital camera manufactures. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the camera

taught by Anderson which allows the user to set or select the resolution by providing the user with commonly used resolutions. This is because in order to optimize the quality of photography for typical users of digital cameras, the user input would require a choice of specific resolutions in numerical value that are commonly used and determined by digital camera manufacturers to be optimal in order for the user to set the resolution.

Regarding Claim 9, Anderson in view of Nakagawa and Makishima teach the digital camera of claim 8 wherein said first display is operable to show one or more icons, each icon corresponding to at least one of the one or more selectable resolution values. Anderson teaches that in different modes the LCD screen displays icons to facilitate the user interface functions (*Col 7 Lines 36-39*), but fails to teach icons specifically corresponding to one or more selectable resolution values. Makishima teaches on the screen the user can select resolution values (*Col 5 Lines 21-26*). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Anderson that uses icons in the user interface on the display with the teachings of Makishima which selects given resolution values by using the icons to represent the given resolution values, because icons representing resolutions to choose from will facilitate the user input experience.

Claims 10-18 are method claims enabling the apparatus recited in respective Claims 1-9 and are therefore rejected using the same rationale as above.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kuchta et al. (US 5164931) teaches a camera storing processed image signals.

Suzuki (US 5724579) teaches storing an image after photographing.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amy Hsu whose telephone number is 571-270-3012.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on 571-272-7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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